

take a tax deduction just as if they were giving to their church or soup kitchen, even though what they were doing was supporting GINGRICH'S GOPAC farm team.

In the name of Lincoln, our tax laws were perverted and our democracy was polluted. It is time for this to end. It is time to explore these misdeeds. Approve the privileged resolution today and get to the bottom of this and stop the coverup.

WOMEN OF AMERICA WANT THE SAME THINGS THE REPUBLICAN CONGRESS DOES

(Ms. DUNN of Washington asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. DUNN of Washington. Madam Speaker, when women back home in my district talk to me about what Congress is doing these days, I tell them that Congress is dealing with the very problems that women are concerned about.

Well, what is it that we women care about? We want opportunity for ourselves and our families. We want some sense that there will be a retirement system we can count on. We want personal safety. We want health care security. We want a homemaker IRA because we know that the work that is done inside the home is every bit as important, if not more important, than that work done outside the home.

I have found that my friends at home care about the very same things that this Republican Congress does, helping families keep more of their paychecks so they can decide how to do more for their children in their communities; saving Medicare for our parents and encouraging local answers as we solve the major problems of crime and education and protecting the environment.

Madam Speaker, our solutions are not complicated and they do not require congressional studies. I have found if I listen to the American woman and respect her advice, the answers are all there.

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CALL FOR AN INDEPENDENT COUNSEL

(Mr. GENE GREEN of Texas asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. GENE GREEN of Texas. Madam Speaker, I do agree with my colleague from Texas, majority leader DICK ARMEY, in that the ethics committee members have a tough job, one that a lot of us do not want. But they also need to know when they need to refer it to a higher authority and in particular a special counsel.

Let me quote today's Los Angeles Times when it says:

In cases involving the Lincoln and West Georgia foundations, money that was in-

tended to support troubled innercity teenagers and at-risk third graders was used instead to benefit GOPAC and to compensate a Gingrich confidant.

Six tax-exempt foundations were used to funnel money for political purposes. I know we have talked about tax cuts in this Congress, but that is the ultimate tax cut before we have even voted on it. We get a tax cut to contribute to political campaigns. Not even average folks can do that. That was taken away a good while back on tax reform.

But I think that is why we need to vote today for these special resolutions, the privileged resolutions by our colleague, the gentleman from Florida, HARRY JOHNSTON, to make sure that we have an independent counsel to investigate this use of the IRS tax deduction.

THE GRAY WHALE

(Mr. METCALF asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. METCALF. Madam Speaker, this week the International Whaling Commission is meeting in Scotland. One of the major issues it is considering is whether to allow the Makah Tribe of Washington State to hunt and kill gray whales, which were on the endangered species list just 2 years ago. Incredibly the U.S. delegation to the commission supports the plan, but seven elders of the Makah Tribe strongly oppose the plan. One has questioned the motives of tribal officials, fearing the hunt will become a commercial enterprise.

According to the Seattle Post Intelligencer, one gray whale could fetch as much as \$1 million in Japan. Norwegian whaling interests have offered the tribe harpoons and a boat. Thirteen native groups in Canada have already indicated their intention to resume whaling if the Makah Tribe is given a green light by the IWC. The Makah tribal leaders say they want to take only five whales a year; but then how many more would be taken by the other native groups? Where would commercial whaling stop if it is started?

SERIOUS CHARGES AGAINST THE SPEAKER

(Mr. MILLER of California asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. MILLER of California. Madam Speaker, unfortunately this House has now been presented with prima facie evidence of the serious charges against Speaker GINGRICH and the manipulation of, violations of, some very sacred laws in this country: the laws of how we conduct our elections and elect our people to represent us, the tax laws that protect the taxpayers of this country and try to encourage people to give money to nonprofit foundations to do good works on behalf of our society and the ethics rules of this House.

Those are the basic laws that speak from us to the people of this country. Now we see that the Speaker has been engaged in a widespread conspiracy to intentionally violate those laws. Now we see that the ethics committee is engaged in a widespread coverup of the investigation. The ethics committee must understand what Speaker GINGRICH understood about the ethics committee many years ago. It does not have the ability and has an inherent conflict trying to investigate the most powerful Member of this House. This investigation should be turned over to the special prosecutor.

FBI FILES AND THE WHITE HOUSE

(Mr. DICKEY asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. DICKEY. Madam Speaker, I come here in somewhat of a solemn fashion. I represent the Fourth District of Arkansas, the home district of the President of the United States. Because of that, I have studiously avoided publicly criticizing him in any way. Today I want to do that. I want to criticize him. I want to criticize the White House. The way that the FBI files have been handled is a disgrace. It is improper. It is causing unrest among the people of America, and something needs to be done about it.

The White House needs to make corrections in this area. We need to hear the full story and not have it dribbled out one press release and one rumor at a time. Mr. President, I ask you to stop this, to confess what has been done, send those people to the courts who have done these felonies and committed these crimes, and let us get on with the business of America.

THE SPEAKER'S ETHICS PROBLEMS

(Mr. PALLONE asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. PALLONE. Madam Speaker, I have never addressed the issue of the Speaker's ethics problems, but I am very concerned about what I read in the Los Angeles Times today. I do believe there is a need for a wider probe of the Speaker's use of nonprofit foundations for political purposes and appointment of an independent counsel.

This information about the Earnings by Learning project which basically was trying to help third grade students read, and now we find out that the majority of the money was actually paid to individuals who were associated with the Gingrich campaign and with the Republican campaign. It is inappropriate to use tax-exempt foundations that are for nonprofit purposes to help children and then turn around and have the majority of that money used for political purposes.

Now we are finding out that this is not just true in one case; this is true